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## DEAD FROM USING GAS

### GASOLINE KILLS ROSWELL WOMAN.

Blown Through Side of House and Frantically Burned by Blazing Fire, Mrs. Michael Wilson, 23 years old, died at 12:30 o'clock this morning.

—Wednesday's Roswell News.

Mrs. Michael Wilson, aged 23 years, was the victim of a tragedy which occurred last night when she was literally blown through a window in the house in which she had been cleaning some clothes with gasoline. The horrible accident occurred yesterday afternoon about four o'clock and the woman ended her terrible suffering in death at 12:30 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Wilson had been engaged during the afternoon in her room at 302 North Missouri avenue in the cleaning of some wearing apparel with gasoline, having at least a half tubful of the explosive in a room of the building. The window of the house was apparently all closed, no doubt due to the high winds which were prevailing all yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Wilson was the only occupant of the house at the time of the accident and perhaps the exact manner of the accident or its causes which led to her death will never be known.

From the circumstances connected with the case it appears that Mrs. Wilson had left the room where she had been working with the gasoline, going into the kitchen where she either lighted or intended to light the gas range. As the gas range was turned off after the explosion it is presumed that the lady merely struck the match to light the gas flame when the gasoline fumes which had accumulated in the closed house ignited and caused an explosion which shook the entire neighborhood and all but demolished the house in which the holocaust occurred.

Mrs. Wilson was blown through the north window of the kitchen so terrific was the explosion and lighted several feet outside of the building. Her clothing had apparently been burned or blown off in her exit from the building, as neighbors state that she was shorn of all clothing when she got up from the place where she had lighted and commenced to run from the premises.

Mrs. Hugh M. Huff, who lives close to the Wilson residence, saw the burning and distracted woman as she got up, and taking a rug from her house ran out and caught her, wrapping the rug about her person and smothering the fire as best she could. Rev. E. C. Anderson was attracted to the scene about this time and the woman was removed to an adjoining house where physician were summoned.

It was quite apparent to the physicians who were called after their examination of Mrs. Wilson that she could not live for many hours, as every vestige of her skin is said to have been burned from her body, though every effort was made to preserve her life and relieve her of the excruciating pain. She was later removed to the hospital where she died directly after midnight.

Mrs. Wilson is said to be a native of Texas, and had been married to Michael Wilson for some two and one-half years. Her husband is janitor at the Allison building and the Carnegie library. The couple are quite frugal and industrious and were making heroic efforts to establish a home with modern living conditions. They had just completed the payment of their house furnishings with one of the local furniture dealers. All of their goods were destroyed by the fire and water.

The building, a five-room frame, plastered structure, was wrenched and torn from its foundations by the terrific explosion. The walls on the north and south sides of the building were torn from their foundations and rents from one to three feet are visible along the lower line, while the plaster was pulverized and scattered all over the house. The ceilings and all of the windows were shattered and blown out. The building, while yet standing, is all but wrecked from the explosion. Strange to say the flames from the explosion did not appear to have gained much headway in devouring the structure when the fire department was called to the scene, probably due to the plastered walls. The firemen used chemical extinguishers in allaying the flames from the tub of gasoline and about the furnishings, and later the water was turned into the building. The house is the property of the J. H. Henning heirs.

The funeral services for Mrs. Wilson will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from the Dilley parlors, Rev. S. E. Allison will conduct the service, assisted by Rev. Alfred O. Kuhn. Interment will follow in South Park cemetery.

### DEATH OF MISS SHEPHERD.

Miss Thelma Shepherd died at the cottage sanitarium Monday afternoon at four o'clock, of tuberculosis. She had been at that institution about four weeks. Her mother had been notified of her falling condition and came at once, getting here only an hour before her death. She seemed to rally enough to know her mother. The body was shipped Tuesday to the old home in Clinton, Ohio. The current extends sympathy to the bereaved family and friends.

### WILLIAM LLOYD FOSMARK.

The one flower of the Casper Fosmark home was claimed by the Reaper, Monday, May 22nd, 1916.

"There is a reaper, whose name is death, who reaps the boarded grain at a breath, and the flowers that grow between."

This tender flower was given to their care about fifteen months ago. He was born February 2nd, 1915, and was a strong, healthy child, always of a sunny disposition. Some time ago he contracted whooping cough and it left him very thin and delicate. Mrs. Fosmark went up to her mother's at Portales in April, about the 21st, to see if the change would help him, but in some way he contracted pneumonia, and having complication of bowel trouble from teething, there was little chance for his life. He seemed unconscious from Friday and took very little, if any, nourishment. He rallied Monday about ten o'clock and took a spoonful of milk, and died that afternoon.

The funeral services were held at the residence, Rev. J. T. Redmon officiating. The services and songs could only bring hope and comfort to the sorrowing mother and father, as they were selected and consoling as "suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven". He certainly looked sweet enough for a little angel in his little white plush, flower-laden casket, and Mrs. Ralph's solo: "Some Time We Will Understand", brought tears to every mother's eye.

The pall bearers were Messrs. Walter Ralph, C. C. Lewis, Will Purdy, L. E. Hayes. The interment was at City Cemetery and many automobiles followed to the cemetery and some of the friends made kodak pictures of the flower covered grave.

### TOM JONES MOVES

Tom Jones and family left yesterday for Arizona. They are going to make a summer camping trip, will travel when the weather suits them, and look at the country as they go. They are looking for a ranch location and expect to go as far as Bisbee, possibly farther if they do not find just what they want. The girls, Misses Lucy, Linney, and Barbara Jones, will accompany them. This was of Mr. Jones going away and robbing Carlsbad of three well known and well liked girls at one time does not sound as pleasant as if we could state they were going for a visit instead to stay. Well, it is hoped they will be like some of us and will not find anything that suits them as well as Carlsbad, and they will come home by the time school starts. Tom Jones has the distinction of being the first white child born either in Chaves or Eddy counties and has grown to manhood, married and reared his family here, and the good wishes of the entire community accompany them on this journey and may they find a pleasant home and many new friends where ever they decide to "hang their hats" and call it home.

### AUCTION BRIDGE.

Among the pretty parties was the bridge party given by Mrs. Roy Walker Friday afternoon at her home. Ferns, cut roses were used in profusion in a most artistic manner through out the rooms where four tables were arranged for the players.

Mrs. H. H. Dilly won a hand finished lunch cloth and napkins for high score and Miss Roberta Breeding consolation prize, a hand engraved glass with sterling silver rim. Following the games a two course luncheon was served at the individual card tables. Mints were served during the evening. Mrs. Walker was voted a very pleasant hostess.

### BOX FOR COMPANY B.

A box will be made up every week and leave the Star Pharmacy for the front on the border for Company B. All who wish to donate comforts or luxuries for the boys should leave their donations at the Star Pharmacy.

One of the pleasant social events of the past week was the dance given Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Lucas by Frank Lucas and Gladys Bush in honor of Miss Mary Fletcher who is a visitor in Carlsbad from the plains. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served during the evening, while a merry crowd of young people whirled away the happy hours dancing to beautiful piano music by Mrs. Nellie Gray. Those present were Misses Mary and Bertha Fletcher, Nellie Smith, Gladys Bush, Helen Wright, Maie Usery, Grace Jones, Ruth Daugherty, Sweetie Bunch, Dana Bess Lucas, Mrs. Paul Gray, Messrs. Herbert Little, Everett Grantham, Chas. Walker, Arthur Breeding, Will Reed, Fred and Frank Lucas.

Sovereign Trent, state deputy for the W. O. W., is here this week, working for the interest of this order and the Circle. He has secured a number of applications for both orders.

Dr. Lackey left Saturday night for New York City, going by way of Chicago, where he will make a stop-over. Dr. Lackey will be away about six weeks and will take a post graduate course. He is one of the leading physicians here and has a large practice. While he is away, Dr. Black will have charge of the office and Dr. Lackey's patients.

### CARLSBAD BOYS HOME.

Sam Roberts, Lawrence Merchant, Jim Walker, Sam Luak, Louie, Fred and Calvin Area, Granville Hardy, and Blythe McCollum are Carlsbad boys who have attended the N. M. M. I. the past year and arrived yesterday from Roswell, where they have made good.

Out of the four scholarships awarded for academic work, three were given Carlsbad boys. They are Jim Walker, Sam Roberts and Lawrence Merchant. When boys make good at school where they find so many attractions and diversions from the routine of school duties, they can not be too highly commended, by their parents and their friends alike, and a hand shake and a hearty welcome is extended from the Current office to all the boys not only those winning laurels, for we must encourage them at home, to try again next year, and make it worth their while to land the trophy.

Among the visiting boys that stopped over in Carlsbad, were George Cowden, of Midland, Texas, Newman Wells, of San Angelo, Texas, Cadet McGregor, L. Talbert, a relative of Dick Judkins. Mrs. Lige Merchant came down on the same train from Roswell where she had been for commencement week, also Albert Area went up Saturday and enjoyed being with his brothers.

Colonel Wilson delivered the scholarships and medals, the scholarships being awarded to Lawrence Buford Merchant, of the Third class, Samuel Irving Roberts, Jr., of the Fourth Class, Jim Hess Walker, of the Fifth Class, and Earl Sprague Bullock, of the Sixth class. These scholarships entitle the holder to apply the same as a certificate of \$50.00 as tuition.

### FISHING TRIP.

Dick Judkins and family, Mrs. Belle Pendleton, Mrs. Ida Cooper, Mrs. Hill and little daughter, spent two days at the state line fishing, having gone Friday morning in Mr. Judkin's big car and taking a camp outfit in the trailer. They enjoyed the trip very much, caught plenty of fish. They seemed to have the same ugly wind Saturday that blew here all day. Outside of the wind Saturday nothing but a good time with plenty to eat was experienced. They returned Monday.

EDDY COUNTY HOSPITAL ITEMS  
Mr. Ed. Coffey was dismissed yesterday and is now at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ben Kuykendall on Rocky.

John Merchant's thumb was taken off Sunday and is doing fairly well.

Genial Ed. Bass, now of the Queen country, but a long time resident of Carlsbad, paid this office a pleasant call Wednesday, and left a quart of fine cherry jam. This jam was made by one of the girls from wild cherries and is a real treat to any one who knows what is good.

### HOUSE PARTY AT THE DAN LUCAS RANCH.

Last week was a gay week at the Dan Lucas ranch, when a number of visiting girls enjoyed a house party from Monday until Saturday morning. The ranch is beautifully located, and any time you look out you can see cattle and horses coming and going now and then a cow boy galloping across the range, and this week it was an easy matter to see riders coming and going for this crowd of visiting girls rode horseback every day; some times to get the mail, but more often to play cow girl. The visiting girls were the Misses Gladys Bush in whose honor the house party was planned, Pearl and Loretta Glick, from the Gap, Mary Walker, Mary Fletcher, Mrs. Nellie Gray. Conspicuous among the many gayeties of the week, was the dance and barbecue given Friday night, when 125 people or more were present and enjoyed one of those old time all-night dances, and the violin called all to dance and be merry. The last thing on the program was breakfast for all, and the merry dancers left for their various homes to dream of one more royal time.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Anna Allen Hardy celebrated her second anniversary Wednesday evening on the cool lawn at the court house, where she and her little friends enjoyed a frolic on the grass and ice cream and cake. She gave as favors crepe baskets filled with candy and dolls. The guests were Mrs. Rickman, and the children, Mary Belle and C. D., J. Mrs. Gamel, little daughter, Mary Lois and John Worth, Mrs. Horne and Adilene, Mrs. Hanson and Earl, Jr., Phillis Marie House, Louis Moore, Miss Annie Carter, Mrs. Purdy and Miss Elizabeth Purdy.

### LICENSE TO WED.

May 25th, W. T. Allen and Lillie Brunson, both of Cooper, were married at the Clerk's office by Judge Richards yesterday.

May 22nd Judge Richards married the popular Mexican couple, Jose Minjares and Refugio Pastroana, at the Clerk's office.

### EASTERN STAR.

The I. O. O. F. kindly gave the Eastern Star the use of their hall last night, when the Grand Matron for New Mexico, Mrs. Emma Muir, of Lordsburg, and Grand Patron, W. H. Newcomb, of Silver City, addressed that body at a call meeting, each of the officials making an address. They were well pleased with the manner in which the local chapter conducted its meeting. At the close of the meeting, a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments served, and enjoyed immensely.

Christian & Co., Insurance.

## M'MILLAN SPILLWAY

### EDDY COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The Eddy County Institute will be held in the High School Building at Carlsbad, June 5th to 17th, 1916.

J. B. Taylor, Supt. Schools, Deming, will be the conductor; Mrs. H. G. Howard, principal Loving school, B. H. Kirk, supt. schools, Lakewood, B. F. Kaiser, supt. schools, Dayton, Dorothy White, teacher in Albuquerque public schools, J. W. Knorr, county agricultural agent, Eddy County, will be the instructors.

A fee of \$1 is required for elementary first grade certificates issued on credits or for extension or renewal of elementary first grade certificates.

Full information in regard to requirements for professional certificates may be had from State Superintendent of Schools, Santa Fe, N. M.

An Institute fee of \$2 payable upon enrollment will be charged. We have not yet been informed as to whether or not the state department will make a charge for institute manuals. Last year no charge was made.

Visitors to all Institute sessions are welcome. It is expected that state superintendent White, state director of industrial education Mr. Mersfelder, and others prominent in educational work in the state, will lecture during the institute and it will also be favored by visits from local ministers and others interested in educational work.

A mimeograph list of boarding and rooming places with prices will be ready for distribution about two weeks before the beginning date. All who desire a copy may obtain it at that time on request.

### FISHING PARTY.

Monday afternoon a gay party of campers from Lovington passed thru town enroute for Black river where they are spending the week enticing the finny tribe to nibble. They were in automobiles and were provided with splendid camping equipments. They were joined here by Mrs. Bert Rawlins. Those coming from Lovington were John Garrett and daughter, Miss Alma Gray, Harris Garrett, and wife, Tom Green and wife, Roy Hamilton, T. E. Douglas.

### DANCE AT MONUMENT.

Friday morning Walter Pendleton his sister, Mrs. Les Bates, Miss Ella Campbell, Miss Nora Roney, and the Mexican musicians left town to enjoy a trip and dance at Monument. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Livingston, Miss Lucy Jones, and Mr. Dresher, Bob Richards, wife, Joe Lusk, wife, and as they journeyed they rested at the various ranches, danced and feasted, making the trip one of pleasure. After enjoying an all night dance with refreshments, they started on the return trip Saturday morning. When about eighteen miles out Walter's car ran out of gasoline and the other car passed them on another road then came to a ranch and waited, but as they did not come, the car went back and found them quietly waiting. They had no further trouble getting home and say they certainly enjoyed the trip and especially the dance.

Thursday evening Miss Lillian Bearup entertained with a dance at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Bearup, in honor of the N. M. M. I. cadets, Messrs. Louie, Fred and Calvin Area, Sam Roberts, Jim Walker, Granville Hardy and Blythe McCollum, who came home yesterday. Delicious ice cream and cake were served during the evening, while music on the piano, graphophone and violin helped pass the hours all too swiftly, and the guests departed, voting Miss Lillian a most charming hostess. The visiting cadets were: Messrs. George Cowden, of Midland, Texas, Newman Wells, San Angelo, Texas, and L. I. Talbert, El Paso. The ladies present were Misses Mildred Richie, Winnie Dishman, Grace Jones, Mabel and Virginia Thayer, Sweetie Mae Bunch, Ruth Pendleton, Minnie Jones, Mrs. Ed. Lamb and Mrs. Lige Merchant. Messrs. Dallas Jones, Chas. Walker, Albert Area, Herbert Little, Everett Grantham, Carl Dishman and Arthur Breeding.

Mrs. R. L. Halley was hostess Monday to a bridge party and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent with many rounds of games. There were two tables of players and Mrs. Will Hicks captured the prize at her table; a dainty handkerchief, while Miss Grace Cooke won the other favor; a pair of silk hose. At the close of the games a two-course luncheon was served.

Howard Crayter, of the Bates hotel, who has been with them so long and is always so obliging and pleasant that he has become a fixture, was called to his home in Tennessee where his father is ill.

Examination for rural route carriers will be held tomorrow at 9:00 a. m., at the Reclamation building. Rural routes from Loving and Hope are to be established in the distant future when funds are available and a number of contestants are expected to take the examination.

A. D. Jones, of Lovington, sold his ranch to Eb Ivy for \$1,400 and his heifer cattle for \$42.50 around, steers at \$35.00, cows and calves netted him \$75.00. Mr. Jones delivered the cattle Thursday of last week. He still owns sheep. He has not decided whether he would confine his herd to sheep or buy more cattle.

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### RECLAMATION SERVICE JOINS WATER USERS ASSOCIATION IN THEIR ADVERTISING WORK.

Proposed to Thoroughly Exploit the Many Good Points of the Carlsbad Project. Commercial Club Also Assists.

### WATER USERS TAKE ACTION UPON SAFETY OF M'MILLAN DAM

A board of engineers of the Reclamation Service consisting of D. C. Henney, M. Walters, and L. E. Foster, visited McMillan Dam Wednesday with the board of directors of the Pecos Water Users' Association. The dam was gone over thoroughly and upon their return the Board unanimously passed the following resolution.

"The expenditure will likely be about \$200,000, but will be expended out of a balance already voted by the farms provided the Secretary for the interior approves the suggestion."

Carlsbad, N. M., May 24, 1916.  
Mr. L. E. Foster,  
Project Engineer, U. S. R. S., Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Sir:  
We beg leave to transmit through you to the proper officers of the Interior Department of the United States and to the Interior Department the following resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the Pecos Water Users' Association.

This resolution was passed after consultation with Engineers and a personal visit to McMillan dam by the entire board of directors on this date.

RESOLUTION.  
WHEREAS, this board of directors after a personal inspection made of the McMillan dam, made this day in person, does consider that the spillways of said dam and reservoir as they exist at the present time, are not as safe from back cutting and as capacious as desirable for the safety of the reservoir, upon which the Carlsbad Project is very largely dependent for its water supply, and

WHEREAS, there remains available from the fund for supplemental construction voted by the water users on January 19th, 1915, approximately the sum of three hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$320,000.00) and

WHEREAS, the cost of safeguarding and enlarging these spillways or to build additional outlets is believed to be far below the above unexpended balance of three hundred and twenty thousand dollars

BE IT RESOLVED, that this board requests the Secretary of the Interior to approve plans for a larger spillway capacity of the McMillan reservoir and submit said plans, together with estimates of the cost to this board at the earliest possible date to the end that such plans may be considered and approved to the mutual satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior of the United States and this board of directors.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this work contemplated, be paid for out of the unexpended balance or portion of the fund voted for and authorized by the share holders of the Pecos Water Users' Association in their election of January 19th, 1915, and that in view of the immediate necessity of the proposed work this board of directors desires to exercise what it believes to be its legal power to make the necessary money available for this work from the above mentioned fund without prior recourse to a general election.

A copy of the ballot used at the election of January 19, 1915, authorizing the Board of Directors to act in this matter is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

RESOLVED, that the Pecos Water Users' Association, a corporation organized under the law of the Territory of New Mexico, and now doing business under the laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby authorize the Board of directors of such association to enter into and make any contract with the Secretary of the Interior of the United States, which will bind in a legal way, the share holders of this association and their lands for the payment of a total building charge on the Carlsbad project not to exceed fifty-five dollars per acre on all lands held in trust by such association and per share on the capital stock of such association which may have been issued under public notices heretofore issued by the Secretary of the Interior under the Reclamation Act, dated June 17, 1902 and acts amendatory thereto.

This resolution being passed for the purpose of completing the construction of the Carlsbad project as now constructed and including the lands under the present main canal and distributing system thereunder. The additional building to be done as promptly as possible in accordance with the recommendations of the Special Board consisting of Scott Etter, W. P. Wilson, D. W. Murphy, and L. E. Foster, which recommendation was made and filed on September 5, 1914. This resolution is further enacted that there may be no delay in such construction now pending the Revaluation of the Carlsbad Project as now contemplated by the Secretary of the Interior, and the lining of all bad portions of the main canal, the construction of several miles of large laterals, and the construction of drainage lines where most needed.

The Catholic school closed last week with a May day picnic at the Binde home, where about fifty or sixty, counting the school children, enjoyed a picnic dinner, boat riding, fishing, and various games.